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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

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**AMENDMENT**

Intended to be proposed by Mr. DOUGLAS, to the bill H. R. 282,  
"making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers," viz: add to the end of the bill the following sections:

1       SECT.   *And be it further enacted,* That Congress  
2 hereby consents that each State may authorize the public  
3 authorities of any city or town within its limits, which may  
4 be situated on the coast of the Atlantic or Pacific oceans  
5 or of the Gulf of Mexico, or on the banks of any bay or  
6 arm of the sea connecting therewith, or on the shores of  
7 lakes Champlain, Ontario, Erie, St. Clair, Huron, Michi-  
8 gan or Superior, or on the banks of any bay or arm of the  
9 lake connecting with either of said lakes, to levy duties of  
10 tonnage not exceeding ten cents per ton, upon boats and  
11 vessels of every description entering the harbor or waters  
12 within the limits of such city or town: *Provided,* That the  
13 funds derived from said duties shall be expended exclu-  
14 sively in constructing, enlarging, deepening, improving

15 and securing safe and commodious harbors and the en-  
 16 trances thereto, at such cities and towns, and shall be ap-  
 17 plied to no other purpose whatever: *And provided fur-*  
 18 *ther,* That no more or higher duties shall be charged than  
 19 shall be necessary for the purposes herein specified; and  
 20 Congress hereby consents also, that the several States bor-  
 21 dering on said lakes or either of them, or any two or more  
 22 of said States, through their joint action by agreement and  
 23 compact with each other, may make or cause to be made  
 24 such works and structures as shall be necessary to improve  
 25 and render safe and convenient the navigation of said lakes  
 26 or either of them, and of the channels connecting them  
 27 together, either by deepening the channels or by artificial  
 28 communications; and for this purpose they may, by a uni-  
 29 form rule, divert a portion of the tonnage duties not ex-  
 30 ceeding four cents per ton, collected at all the towns and  
 31 cities within the States entering into such agreement and  
 32 compact; and in case any canal or artificial communica-  
 33 tion shall be made, reasonable tolls may be collected there-  
 34 on sufficient to defray the expense of keeping the same in  
 35 repair, but no more.

1       SECT. . *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases  
 2 where any navigable river or water may be situated,  
 3 wholly or in part, within the limits of any State, Congress  
 4 hereby consents that the legislature thereof may provide

5 for the improvement of the navigation of so much of said  
6 river or water as shall be wholly within the limits of such  
7 State, and for this purpose may levy duties of tonnage, not  
8 exceeding ten cents per ton upon all boats and vessels  
9 navigating the same: *Provided*, That the funds derived  
10 from such duties shall be expended solely in improving  
11 and rendering safe and secure such navigation, and shall  
12 be applied to no other purpose whatever; and that no more  
13 or higher duties shall be collected than may be necessary  
14 for the objects herein specified.

1       SECT. . *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases  
2 where any navigable river or water may be situated in, or  
3 in part form the boundary of any two or more States,  
4 Congress hereby consents that such States or any number  
5 of them, through their joint action, by agreement and com-  
6 pact with each other, may provide for the improvement of  
7 the navigation of such river or water, and for this purpose  
8 may lay duties of tonnage, not exceeding ten cents per ton  
9 upon all boats and vessels navigating the same: *Provided*  
10 That the funds derived from said duties shall be expended  
11 solely in improving and rendering safe and secure such  
12 navigation, and shall be applied to no other purpose; and  
13 that no more or higher duties shall be collected than may  
14 be necessary for the objects herein specified.